

WHO SAYS IT?

Slogging through the mud of France,
Camping in the rain;
Hiking in a frozen trance
Down some German plain:
"Fall in!"—hear the sergeant yell,
Far from home and clover;
Tell me, who the bally hell
Said the war "was over?"

Chow for breakfast—slum for
noon—
Who says men are free
While the bugler's foolish tune
Pipes the reveille?
"Right dress!"—hear the sergeant
buzz
From Mainz across to Dover;
Tell me who the hell it was
Said the war "was over?"

Cleaning up a mass of wire,
Stained with clotting blood
Where the big trucks bog and mire
In the winter mud;
Full of filth and fleas and fuzz—
Cannoneer and driver,
Tell me who the fat-head was
Said the war "was over?"

—Grantland Rice.

Cable the Peace Conference

America's prestige is at stake in the coming Victory Liberty Loan. The eyes of the world are fixed upon us. The nations of the world are going to rate us on this last effort. It is right that they should judge us, not by what we do in the heat of the struggle, but by our condition after the fight.

One of the best guarantees of world peace for years to come would be the successful flotation of the Victory Liberty Loan for five or six billion dollars. Even a combination of powers inclined to start another war would hesitate in the face of such a display of tremendous national strength.

Every man who buys a Victory Liberty Bond next April, moreover, will be adding to the determination with which America speaks at the Peace Conference. There are undoubtedly going to be many moments during that Conference when every whit of the power of the United States will be needed to shape into actualities those ideals for which we entered the world struggle.

Let the cables carry into the Quai d'Orsay this message:
"America has oversubscribed her Fifth Liberty Loan by more than a billion dollars."

THINK STRAIGHT

This is a time for straight thinking. Make sure the other fellow is not talking drivel. Analyze his thought, don't follow it. He may be suffering with phrasemongers' hemorrhage. It is epidemic now—a day like influenza and much more serious.

For instance in regard to the Victory Liberty Loan and these fellows who thumb their vests, frown wisely, and say "Let the banks do it." They are bursting with money. They are talking drivel. It sounds fine but it isn't good sense. Nor is it good economics, which amounts to the same thing.

If the government thought it was wise to "let the banks do it," the government would let them do it. There would be no Victory Liberty Loan in the popular sense. But the government knows better than to let the banks do it.

This is the period of reconstruction right now. It is a period of many possibilities economically. One possibility is industrial depression. One preventative of industrial depression is plenty of money at favorable rates of interest to stimulate private enterprise. That means our banks must not be clogged with government securities. It means that we can't afford to "let the banks do it." The people must do it—do it from their earnings, present and future.

Think straight.
Support the Victory Liberty Loan.

SEND ME THE BILL



REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS

The following list of legal blanks are kept for sale at this office and others will be added as the demand arises:

Warranty deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Realty and Chattel Mortgages, Satisfaction of Mortgages, Contracts for Sale of Realty, Bills of Sale, Leases.

FARMERS IN BEST FINANCIAL SHAPE OF RECENT YEARS

Smooth Transition of Agriculture to Peace Basis Predicted by Federal Reserve Board

American farmers are in better financial shape than they have been for years, according to a recent report of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, which also predicts a smooth transition of agriculture and industry from a war to a peace basis. The board's review of economic conditions throughout the country is based on detailed reports made to it by the governors of the twelve federal reserve banks.

"The farmer is said to be in the best financial shape for many years," the review says. "In the South he is able to hold his cotton for better prices and is marketing his output conservatively."

"Excellent crop prospects are reported from the wheat states of the West and from California. On the Pacific Coast the prospects for excellent crops are exceedingly bright."

"Victory year" crops, according to another government report, added \$17,000,000,000 to our wealth. The principal contributions were:

- Corn—2,542,314,000 bushels, \$2,528,312,000.
- Wheat—217,100,000 bushels, \$1,874,622,000.
- Oats—1,538,350,000 bushels, \$1,092,422,000.
- Barley—256,375,000 bushels, \$235,269,000.
- Rye—89,103,000 bushels, \$154,947,000.
- Potatoes—397,676,000 bushels, \$476,721,000.
- Hay—75,429,000 tons, \$1,522,473,000.
- Tobacco—1,310,619,000 pounds, \$374,374,000.
- Apples—173,422,000 barrels, \$229,950,000.

As a result of the flourishing condition of the farmer in general the government expects him to take a large block of Victory Liberty Loan Bonds in April.

BORN OF WAR

It is difficult yet to value accurately or in some instances to perceive all the war has brought to our national life or pruned from it. The things we think little now may appear to posterity the greatest. The Thrift Stamp idea seems to be one of these. Originated as a war emergency measure, it has taken hold, has appealed to the common sense of America, and may yet shape the destiny of the nation.

It is patent, now that the war is over, that the Thrift Stamp has come to stay. If we get nothing else out of the war but the habit of saving, which begets the corollary simple living, we will have reaped the full fruit of the war. For a thrifty democracy is a firm democracy, a potent democracy, a democracy strong enough to preserve itself.

A man who saves is a better citizen than the man who does not save. He becomes a stockholder in his government and he is jealous for the welfare of that government in war and in peace. In war he will fight for it with his life. In peace he will protect it from those who would tear down.

As America saves from this day on so shall she grow in benign power and in the eyes of mankind. "A bank account for every American citizen" should be one of our national slogans.

The Thrift and War Savings Stamp idea is freighted with a mighty change for the better in our national life.

The Thrift Stamp is backed by the United States government. Without doubt it is the greatest investment ever offered and it is in such a form that every American, big and little, can take advantage of it.

PAY AND FILE INCOME TAX BEFORE MAR. 15

U. S. Internal Revenue Bureau Gives Warning That Severe Penalties Will Be Enforced.

WOMEN WITHIN LAW'S SCOPE; HOW THEY REPORT INCOME

The Income Tax drive comes to a close on Saturday night, March 15. All payments and returns due on that date under the provisions of the new Revenue Law must be in the hands of local Internal Revenue Collectors before their offices close that night.

The Income Tax is being collected to meet the war expenses. Every person who shopped and tooted his horn on Armistice Day is now called upon to contribute his share of the cost of winning the war.

The laggards and the dodgers will face severe fines and jail sentences. The Internal Revenue Bureau announces that its officers will check us all up to see that every person who comes within the scope of the Income Tax law did his share.

Where to Pay and File.

Residents of Oregon are required to make their returns and pay their taxes to Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portland, Ore., or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on Income Tax.

Payments sent by mail should be attached to the returns and should be in the form of check, money order or draft. Cash payments by mail are sent at the taxpayer's risk of loss.

If you are unable to make your return personally because of illness, absence or incapacity, an agent or legal representative may make your return.

If there are any doubtful points as to your items of income or allowable deductions, you should get in touch at once with a Revenue officer or a banker for advice.

Women Pay Tax.

Women are subject to all the requirements of the Income Tax. Whether single or married, a woman's income from all sources must be considered.

If unmarried, or if living apart from her husband, she must make her return for 1918 if her net income was \$1,000 or over.

If married and living with her husband, her income must be considered with the husband's in determining the liability for a return. Their joint income, less the credits allowed by law, is subject to normal tax. The wife's net income is considered separately in computing any surtax that may be due.

Husband and wife file jointly, as a rule. If the husband does not include his wife's income in his return, the wife must file a separate return.

Severe Penalties.

The new Revenue Law places severe penalties on a person who fails to make return on time, refuses to make return or renders a fraudulent return. For failure to make return and pay tax on time a fine of not more than \$1,000 is imposed, and 25 per cent of the tax due is added to the assessment. For refusing wilfully to make return, or for making a false or fraudulent return there is a fine of not exceeding \$10,000 and imprisonment of not exceeding one year, or both.

Farmers' Income Taxable.

Every farmer and ranchman who had a fair or a good year in 1918 must heed the Income Tax this year. He must consider all his income as taxable. He is entitled to deduct from his gross income all amounts expended in carrying on his farm. The cost of farm machinery, farm buildings and improvements cannot be deducted. The cost of live stock, either for resale or for breeding purposes, is also regarded as investment.

Overtime and Bonuses Taxed.

Salary and wage earners must consider as taxable every item received from employers and from other sources. Bonuses and overtime pay are to be reported, as well as the regular payments.

Allowances for Losses.

Losses sustained in 1918 and not covered by insurance are deductible items if incurred in the taxpayer's business or trade, in any transaction undertaken for profit, or arising from fire, storm, shipwreck or other casualty, or from theft.

SQUARE DEAL FOR EVERY INCOME TAX PAYER

 Washington, D. C. — "The rights of all persons now filing Income Tax returns are amply protected by provisions for abatements, refunds and appeals," says Commissioner Daniel C. Roper.
 "Every person can be sure of a square deal. No person is expected to pay more than his share of tax. His share is determined solely by the amount and nature of his net income for 1918, as defined in the law."
 "Abatement petitions are dealt with open-mindedly. Refunds will be made in every case where too much tax is erroneously collected."
 "The Income Tax is 'on the level' all the way through."

Residents of St. Johns having taxes and city liens to pay in Portland can make their payments without inconvenience by availing themselves of our services. We will pay same and secure your receipt without inconvenience to you. Fee, 25 cents. References: Any St. Johns Bank—Peninsula Title, Abstract and Realty Co., by H. Henderson, Manager; 402 North Jersey street.



Young Man, Dress Well

There is value in it; don't dress like a snob but wear clothes of reasonably good quality and good fit. Select your shirts and neckwear with care and taste. You can buy your suit at our store at a payment down and the balance on easy installments. We do not mean to encourage you to go into debt but we do mean to encourage good dressing.

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Stay These Executions

By DAVID HINSHAW

You average American citizen in your average American community imagine if you can, the possibility of a report similar to the following being made of your community at any time and under any conditions.

"Though much saddened, our workers are cutting off whom they must, and continuing with those selected, principally children. All are making winter plans and asking, pleading, for funds now to buy what will cost many times more later on. Can you not cable us that the promised appropriations are certain until the end of June 1919. Such action would double the value of the gift. We must not let go now."

The Committee for Relief in the Near East is doing its utmost to sustain these peoples. Poverty stricken, plague infested, war terrorized Near East, the cradle of the white man's civilization, is perishing. It is perishing because of the faith that is in it. Only the help of an aroused American generosity can prevent this.

It is hard at a distance of thousands of miles for Average American Citizens to grasp the need. Tolerant, Helpful, Kindly, Generous America would never permit relief workers to sign death warrants for thousands of persons, did it but realize the situation. That is exactly what happens when the workers in the Near East are forced from lack of funds to "cut off whom they must." More than 4,000,000 people are destitute, of this number 400,000 are orphans, orphans because they were innocently caught in the net of the great war.

These starving peoples live in the "fester" spot of Europe and Asia. America entered the war that autocracy might be crushed from the earth. We are forever bound to Europe because the blood of our sons is mingled with European soil. We must carry on in their names, we must carry on or their supreme sacrifice will have been in vain.

France, Belgium, Italy can all be helped by governmental aid, but the dying Christians of the Near East have no government through which governmental aid can be given them. The task is America's. Liberty, equality, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, all of these America has given to the world. Slowly the other nations of the world are accepting our ideals. Now we are challenged practically to advance the Brotherhood of Man as taught by the "Man of Sorrows" 1000 years ago. The people of His land by the faith He gave them ask for bread. What shall America give them?

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